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Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: The Symington Subcommittee

1. On February 25th Senator Russell appointed a five-member subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee to investigate United States air strength. The Committee evidently has no fixed terms of reference. Senator Russell is quoted as saying that they will examine into the condition and progress of the Department of the Air Force to ascertain if present policies, legislative authority, and appropriations are adequate to maintain a force capable of carrying out its assigned missions. Senator Symington, who was appointed Chairman, has more or less indicated that he plans to go into the whole range of Air Force problems, with emphasis on the production of long range bombers and ballistic missiles.

2. The other members of the subcommittee are Senators Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), Sam Ervin (D., N.C.), Leverett Saltonstall (R., Mass.) and James H. Duff (R., Pa.). On March 5th Senator Symington announced the appointment of Fowler Hamilton as Counsel for the subcommittee. Hamilton is a member of the New York law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly & Hamilton. He was born in Kansas City, graduated from the University of Missouri and was a Rhodes Scholar. During World War II he was a member of the Joint Intelligence Staff and later the staff of the Strategic Bombing Target Committee. Toward the end of the war he was a Special Assistant to the Attorney General in charge of prosecuting anti-trust cases.

3. Senator Symington has indicated that the subcommittee will hold public and private hearings, with emphasis on public, running from about April 1 to July 1. Secretary Quarles appeared before the Committee on March 16th, and evidently this was the first session to which a witness was called. This was an executive hearing. I am trying to get some information on the subject matter, but without success so far. You may wish to get in touch with Secretary Quarles or with Senator Saltonstall. I have purposely avoided requesting transcripts from the committee staff, and will not do so unless you instruct me otherwise.

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